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OPC Raps Marcos For Editor Firing

In a strongly worded cable to President Marcos of the Philippines, **Henry Gellermann**, OPC president, blasted as an "assault on press freedom" his censure of an editor who wrote an article critical of his administration.

In his message, Gellermann supported the Philippine National Press Club's statement of events which led to the firing of Letty Magsanoc as editor of *Panorama Magazine*, Sunday supplement of *Bulletin Today*, the country's largest newspaper.

Said Gellermann: "The members of the OPC cannot but view this as an assault upon press freedom in your country. Instead of censuring and harrassing, your government should encourage free expression in the interest of a dynamic and progressive society, and strive toward normalization of the political environment in which a free press is its most powerful guarantee."

Mrs. Magsanoc, 40, a University of Missouri journalism graduate, wrote that the election of Mr. Marcos last month to a new six-year term, was "marked by suspicions of connivance, corruption and dishonest counting of votes."

As a result, she was forced to resign.

Raine Bennett Memorial

A memorial service for **Raine Edward Bennett**, a longtime member of OPC who died in July at the age of 90, will be held in the Frisch Room at the club on Tuesday, August 18, at 5 p.m.

Bennett was the founder and executive director of the Islands Research Foundation, which accumulated the largest record of islands in the world, some half million of them.

He had started his career as author and journalist in California where he was a reporter for the *San Francisco Chronicle* and editor of *The Wasp*, California's oldest weekly, and in Los Angeles as NBC commentator. With Charlene London, Jack London's widow, he established the California Arts Foundation.

Fidel Castro's Revolution Is Spreading



Friends no more – Fidel, far right, Tony's hand on his shoulder

"What's happening in Nicaragua and El Salvador today is the Cuban revolution all over again," said Tony Navarro speaking at the Club June 30. That's why he wrote TOCAYO, about his experiences first as pro-Castro, then as a counter-revolutionary in Cuba 20 years ago.

"I was a useful fool when I believed in Castro," Navarro admitted, "Nicaragua needs our help to prevent what will be a Cuban replay."

Navarro brought his book to life as he passionately recounted the fearful days when he operated a radio transmitter from his home for the "friends" (CIA) after he had become disillusioned with Castro. "If discovered, you could be executed on the spot." Equipment and weapons hidden in an elevator well are usually safe, he advised.

"To explode some myths, Cuba was not poor under the dictator, Batista. It had the highest per capita income of any country in Latin America," he said. "Poor people don't make revolutions, it is the middle class . . . people who are not too hungry to think."

As for Castro's proud claim that today Cuba has a 95 percent literacy rate, the hero-author explains that it was already 85 percent before Castro.

"Castro is not so much a Communist as

he is a 'persona'," insists Navarro. "He is a magnetic leader with a unique sense of PR. And he is inherently anti-American."

"I followed Castro because I thought he could bring us back our dignity, but his high-sounding words about a Cuban democracy soon were drowned out by the blast of bullets executing the innocent."

Tony Navarro was captured for his anti-Castro activities, but got out of Cuba by taking asylum in the Brazilian Embassy.

Today, he is vice president for corporate communications at W.R. Grace & Co. and on the board of the WNYC Foundation. He thanked Peter Grace for giving him time to write his book . . . "between 3 and 4 in the morning."

—Charlotte C. Klein

Going to Berlin ?

An exchange of letters between OPC President **Henry Gellermann** and Jürgen Graf, president of Berlin's Journalisten-Club, extends the hospitality of the Berlin club to OPC members and the amenities of our club to their members. Willkommen!

The Journalisten-Club Berlin is at Kurfürstendamm 224, 1000 Berlin 15, Germany.

Communists Now Run Iran for the Ayatollah

Retirement hasn't kept OPCer George Weller, Pulitzer Prize-winning foreign correspondent, from keeping a close and knowledgeable eye on the bloody events in Iran, whose history he has been following for nigh 40 years. Here he updates an analysis he started in the BULLETIN last year.

By George Weller

ROME —

Allah's revolution in Iran against satanic America eventually brings power, even to atheist Communists, fellow travelers in the holy crusade. And so Tudeh, Iran's 40 year-old Communist party, suddenly now is offered by Ayatollah Khomeini the big bite of power for which it has been quietly readying its newspapers and rifles.

Too soon? Perhaps. In 1945, heeding Russia's orders, Tudeh changed its name to the "Democrat Party", occupied Azerbaijan with the Soviets. But Stalin sold them out for an oil treaty. There have been several other chances, when Tudeh was ready, but Russia not quite. Tudeh in 1953 backed Moussadegh, but lost when the Shah, jointly backed by British and Americans, recovered his throne.

Tudeh has been called to the open aid of the Ayatollah, but is Russia ready? Poland is a worry, and neighboring Afghanistan is occupied by Soviet troops. Isn't Tudeh's sudden emergence to power somewhat ahead of schedule, by Russian standards? Probably it is.

Tudeh's sentries did their part in guarding the American hostages, but they avoided being denominated as Communists. Their prudent purpose was to set out themselves, as Secretary Nurieddin Kianouri said, as "the only political party in Iran". (Everybody else, to them, was merely religious.)

Khomeini seemed to have a half dozen guerrilla forces at his command, including Tudeh, all loyal. Then, after he drove into exile the President Bani Sadr, thereby favoring his bloody rival, Ayatollah Beheshti, things began to come apart. Beheshti began to shoot the low-ranking followers of the Mohieddin, the largest and best armed and disciplined of the guerrilla armies, captors of the Shah's richest arms stores. These shootings were Beheshti's way of warning the top Mohieddin not to swing their allegiance from the Imam Khomeini to the fugitive Bani Sadr. Their barracks suddenly emptied underground.

At this point, however, the Mohieddin had already worked out a hit list of the leading members of the religious parliament, containing 13 names, headed by Beheshti (and including even members of the small elite of Khomeini's bodyguard, the Pasdaran, or "guardians of the revolu-

tion"). Eric Rouleau of *Le Monde* saw the secret list.

It was clear that the Mohieddin had forsaken the revolution, swapping Khomeini for Bani Sadr. Khomeini had to turn to Tudeh. Though kept hitherto in the background for its Soviet links and its atheism, Tudeh had to be called up to regulate and lead a new guerrilla front.

Years before he overthrew the Shah, Khomeini had tested Tudeh. They supported him when he was an exile in Iraq and Syria. Tudeh's own station broadcasting from Bulgaria drenched Iran with his incendiary sermons. They smuggled in his cassettes to the bazaars.

Now the Imam made the decision to hold the faithless Mohieddin at bay by legalizing Tudeh. Their atheism and Soviet links would be covered by a huge excuse: they had "remained loyal". And so had their offshoots: the Maoist Trotskyists, and the Marxist wing of the fedayeen, the last of the old guerrilla front.

So a meeting, secret, of the parliamentary majority was called by Beheshti to legalize the conversion of Tudeh to official status. It was held in the headquarters of the religious majority, the Islamic Republican party. What they did not know was that the Mohieddin's trained saboteurs had already laid mines in the common wall separating the IRP building from an unguarded school.

At 9.05 the night of the meeting, June 28, the Mohieddin pressed the plunger, and 70 leaders, including Beheshti, were blown to death. It was the greatest success since Menachem Begin's Irgun blew up 90 officials, mostly Britons, in Jerusalem's King David. Can outnumbered Tudeh match it, or must Tudeh once again wait for the Russians to arrive to come out of the closet?

Joseph A. Harriss, roving editor for Reader's Digest, returns home to Paris after spending a year in the Washington bureau. He had done several pieces for the magazine lately, including the one in the recent issue on the National Endowment for the Humanities, one on the Trident sub, and another on religious persecution in the Soviet Union. After 18 years as a foreign correspondent, Joe writes, "it was good to work in Washington, but I'll be glad to get back to Europe as France begins its great Socialist experiment."

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Letters

PEKING— An American-educated journalist directs China's first English-language newspaper to be started since establishment of the People's Republic in 1949.

Managing editor of the *China Daily*, which began regular daily publication June 1, is Feng Xi-liang, who studied journalism at the University of Missouri and Columbia University in the 1940s.

Newsweek's correspondent in Peking, Melinda Liu, and American attorney Charles Stevens rented a room in Peking's Great Hall of the People for their June wedding. News reports said they were the first foreigners to hold a reception in the Great Hall, usually reserved for government functions.

A group of news persons based in Hong Kong and Tokyo toured Inner Mongolia and other parts of north China during June in a trip arranged by Xinhua, China's official news agency.

Participants included Tony Lawrence, retired BBC staffer; Graham Lovell, Reuters; Brian Jeffries, freelance; Mikio Kobayashi, Kyodo News Service; Kenzo Shida, Jiji Press; Gerry Pilgrim and Robin Hutcheon, South China *Morning Post* of Hong Kong; **Al Kaff**, UPI; Jean Pearce, freelance; Poul Nielsen, Denmark Radio; Hans Breithaupt, Federal German Foreign Trade Information Office, and Peter Hintze, German Radio and TV.

In Tokyo, Ed Reingold of *Time* was elected president of the Foreign Correspondents Club of Japan for the year which started July 1. He succeeded Jack Russel, NBC Radio News, who did not seek a second term.

John J. Casey Jr. has arrived in Hong Kong from Dow Jones New York to become Asian marketing director for AP-Dow Jones News Services. He replaced Eric Waha, who returned to AP in Europe.

Tom Clifford, travel agent who specialized in ticketing foreign correspondents based in Hong Kong, died in June of a sudden heart attack. He formerly worked for Civil Air Transport (CAT), an airline which grew out of General Claire Chennault's Flying Tigers of China.

Arthur Miller, for many years an editor for *Asia Letter* based in Hong Kong, has joined DuPont as its public relations chief in Asia.

—**Al Kaff**

TAIPEI — A group of newsmen who have been covering Taiwan and Nationalist China for 30 years or more have organized a monthly dinner club.

The group also includes senior Nationalist officials long involved with the international press.

They held their first dinner, beer and steaks, in Taipei's Foreign Affairs Club July 17.

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Attending were Spencer Moosa, retired from AP; Lawrence Chang, retired from Time-Life News service; Father Ivar McGrath, National Catholic News Service; Lionel Tsai, Reuters; Shullen Shaw and **Al Kaff** UPI.

Also, Jimmy Wei, retired president of Central News Agency and now an advisor to Nationalist President Chiang Ching-kuo; Colonel Fish Yu Wei, former Nationalist press counselor in embassies abroad and now director-general of Taiwan's Tourism Bureau, and James Shen, Nationalist China's last ambassador to the United States before Washington recognized Peking.

—**Al Kaff**

TEL AVIV —

The Foreign Press Association feted Don Pattir, government press chief for six years and two administrations — Presidents Menachem Begin and Yitzhak Rabin — the night before Pattir flew to Washington for a one-year seminar at the American Enterprise Institute.

Pattir recalled that one of his press assignments was coming up with exclusives for Barbara Walters, Walter Cronkite and John Chancellor at the various summits.

Art Kent, NBC bureau here, and the new FPA prexy, emceed this gala at the Tel Aviv Dan Hotel, super dapper in his impeccable Madison avenueish CEO tailoring. The new government press spokesman is Uri Porat, veteran newspaperman.

Shades of Richard Harding Davis: Richard Mauer, who represents the 81 Gannett Newspapers, is taking a Jerusalem taxi to the Allenby Bridge. After walking across the Jordan river, he will take a Jordan cab to the capital city Amman. And then he will hire a cab to chauffeur him through wartorn Lebanon into Beirut, which will be his dateline. The 1981 Lowell Thomas — Floyd Gibbons!

And now on a more peaceful note. John Lennon signs up for his fourth year as the Israeli correspondent for the *Financial Times* of London, the "yellow sheet". Dean of travel reporters for Israel is Baruch Saville, who is chief correspondent for a local weekly and who regularly supplies 15 publications in as many countries with news on tourism.

—**Max Gendel**

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Tom Mahoney, 75

Tom Mahoney, a longtime member of OPC who had distinguished himself as a reporter, editor and author and co-author of a number of books, died July 17 in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. He had homes there and in New York City. He was 75.

He began his newspaper career in 1927 on the *El Paso Times*, becoming city editor at age 22. He later worked for the *United Press* and the *Buffalo Times* and was an associate editor of *Look* and of *Fortune* magazines. In World War 2 he served with the OWI.

Among his books were "The Great Merchants," about 20 of the top retailers of the country; "The Merchants of Life," about the American pharmaceutical industry; and "The Longest Auto Race, New York to Paris, 1908", written with George Schuster, one of the crew who ran the race, sponsored by *The New York Times*.

Survivors are his wife, Caroline Bird Mahoney, an author; a son and a daughter.

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Who, What, Where

By BLYTHE FOOTE FINKE

It is with deep regret that I bow out of this column for the next year or so as we are becoming vagabonds in California and Europe for about 12 months. **Rosalind Massow**, one of the best equipped to handle this column, will see her name above as of the September issue. (Thanks so much, Rosalind. You will be great!)

And *you* are going to enjoy it. For the first time in my 25-year-plus membership in OPC, I have come to appreciate the many great talents of our members after reading their messages. You are all a great bunch of well-qualified media experts. Now on to the last column for the time being.

Lee Griggs, Central European correspondent for *Time*, based in Bonn, soon takes up a new job as correspondent in the Midwest Regional Branch. For more than 20 year (22 to be exact) he has been a foreign correspondent for *Time* and *Life* in Africa, the Far East, the Middle East and Europe. He has filed from over 100 countries. He has been based successively in Johannesburg, Tokyo, Saigon, Beirut, Hong Kong, Nairobi, and the last three years in Bonn. "The editors have evidently decided I should tackle the heartland of the U.S. of A. I hope we both survive it," he writes.

Dr. Henry A. Singer, 1980 OPC dinner chairman, now chairs a new program at the Labor College of the State University of New York in the old McGraw-Hill building on 42nd Street. Henry has been appointed Professor of Organizational Psychology and Leadership in the college degree program for union leaders. Local and regional officers of the newspaper and broadcasting industry are among his students.

Howard L. Kany has accepted an assignment as overseas columnist for *Bajan*, the newsmagazine of the Caribbean, published in Barbados. He will provide illustrated articles monthly under the title "Let's Go Places," at the same time continuing international consultation work with the Broadcasting Foundation of America and the International Executive Service Corps. His photo exhibit, "China and Elsewhere", which premiered at the OPC in February, moved on to the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences for March and April, and opened July 12 at the Treat Gallery, Bates College, Lewiston, Maine.

Cecil and Martha Brown back home in Los Angeles after a Mediterranean cruise to some of the countries — Egypt, Israel, Turkey — Cecil covered during World

War II as CBS correspondent. This time "just peaceful tourists."

H. Peter Dreyer, Journal of Commerce based in Brussels, is busier than ever. He has been traveling a lot e.g. to Cyprus to lecture to the Cypriot Economists' Association and a group of journalists. He has also been elected for a two-year term as vice president of the API (Association de la Presse Internationale), the local foreign press body in Belgium. "We have one of the world's biggest foreign press corps," he writes, "accredited to the European Community plus NATO — something like 350 correspondents from all over the world, including Russians, Chinese, Japanese, Australians, etc." **Ugo Piccione** has been reelected president for a second and last two-year term. He is correspondent of *Il Sole*, Milan.

Syndicated political cartoonist **Ranan Lurie** has joined the staff of the *Times* of London as editorial cartoonist. He will continue his syndication in North America for King Features and for clients in other countries through Editors Press Service. Ranan in recent years has been taking temporary or sabbatical editorial cartooning posts with papers in various parts of the world, most recently the *Honolulu Advertiser*, and *Die Welt* in Bonn, Germany.

Charles Gillett, president of the New York Convention and Visitors Bureau, has been honored with the award of excellence by Cincinnati University. He was cited at the recent commencement ceremonies for helping to build tourism as a "vital worldwide social and economic force."

Werner N. Brandis, president of the New York Business Press Editors, retired from a third term presidency this July. About 17 NYBPE members are OPC members.

At least two OPCers will participate in the 1981 dinner of the Horace Greeley chapter of the Downhold Club in San Francisco August 21 at which Frank Bartholomew, retired president of UP, will be honored.

George E. McCadden is running things in San Francisco, and **Bruce Campbell** will stop over on his way from New Jersey to Alaska.

Downholders are UP veterans who take their name from the monthly memo UP offices got from the home office to "downhold" expenses.

News from OPCer **Arnold C. Brackman** is great. He is currently working on another book. His last two were Book of the Month Club choices. Recently he attended a reunion of the Downholders' Club in Tokyo with Leslie Nakashima, who worked as a UP Tokyo staffer before and after WW II, and is now a prominent Japanese sports columnist, and **Wee Kim Wee**, the former UP general manager for Southeast Asia and now Singapore's ambassador to Japan. Arnold covered the Tojo trial, for UP out of Tokyo, and was later UP general manager for Indonesia.

An historic date for **Jack Fendell** came in June when he marked his 50th anniversary as sales representative for King Features in Central America and the Caribbean. Fendell lives in San Jose, Costa Rica with his wife Ruth. Their son, James, is associated with his father and represents King Features in much of Latin America.

Simon & Schuster has just published "Maggie/Royal," a big new novel about Washington D.C. and wartime England 1940-1945, by OPCer **Jane McIlvaine McClary**. She hopes it will be the same big success as her "A Portion For Foxes," which was 12 weeks on *The New York Times* bestseller list.

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